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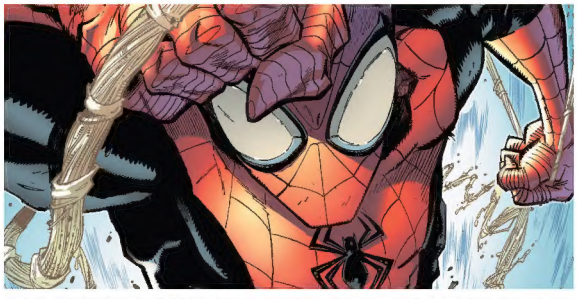
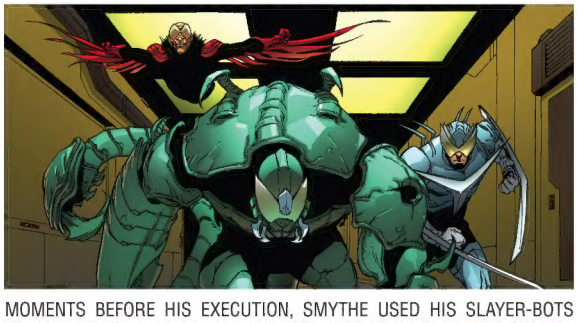


OTTO OCTAVIUS IS A MAN WHO CHEATED DEATH, BUT AT A PRICE. WHEN HE EXCHANGED BODIES WITH **PETER PARKER,** HE GAINED THE AMAZING SKILLS OF SPIDER-MAN—AND ALL OF PETER'S MEMORIES. OTTO FINALLY UNDERSTANDS PETER'S MISSION OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

MAYOR J. JONAH JAMESON HAD ASKED THE SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN TO SUPERVISE THE EXECUTION OF **ALISTAIR SMYTHE – THE SPIDER-SLAYER** WHO KILLED JAMESON'S WIFE.



MOMENTS BEFORE HIS EXECUTION, SMYTHE USED HIS SLAYER-BOTS TO FREE HIMSELF WHILE HEALING AND UPGRADING SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN'S DEADLIEST FOES: **VULTURE, SCORPION,** AND **BOOMERANG!**

WITH SCORPION HUNTING DOWN JAMESON AND VULTURE MAKING WAY FOR THE INNOCENT CIVILIANS, SPIDER-MAN HAS MADE IT HIS SOLE MISSION TO SLAY THE SPIDER-SLAYER...

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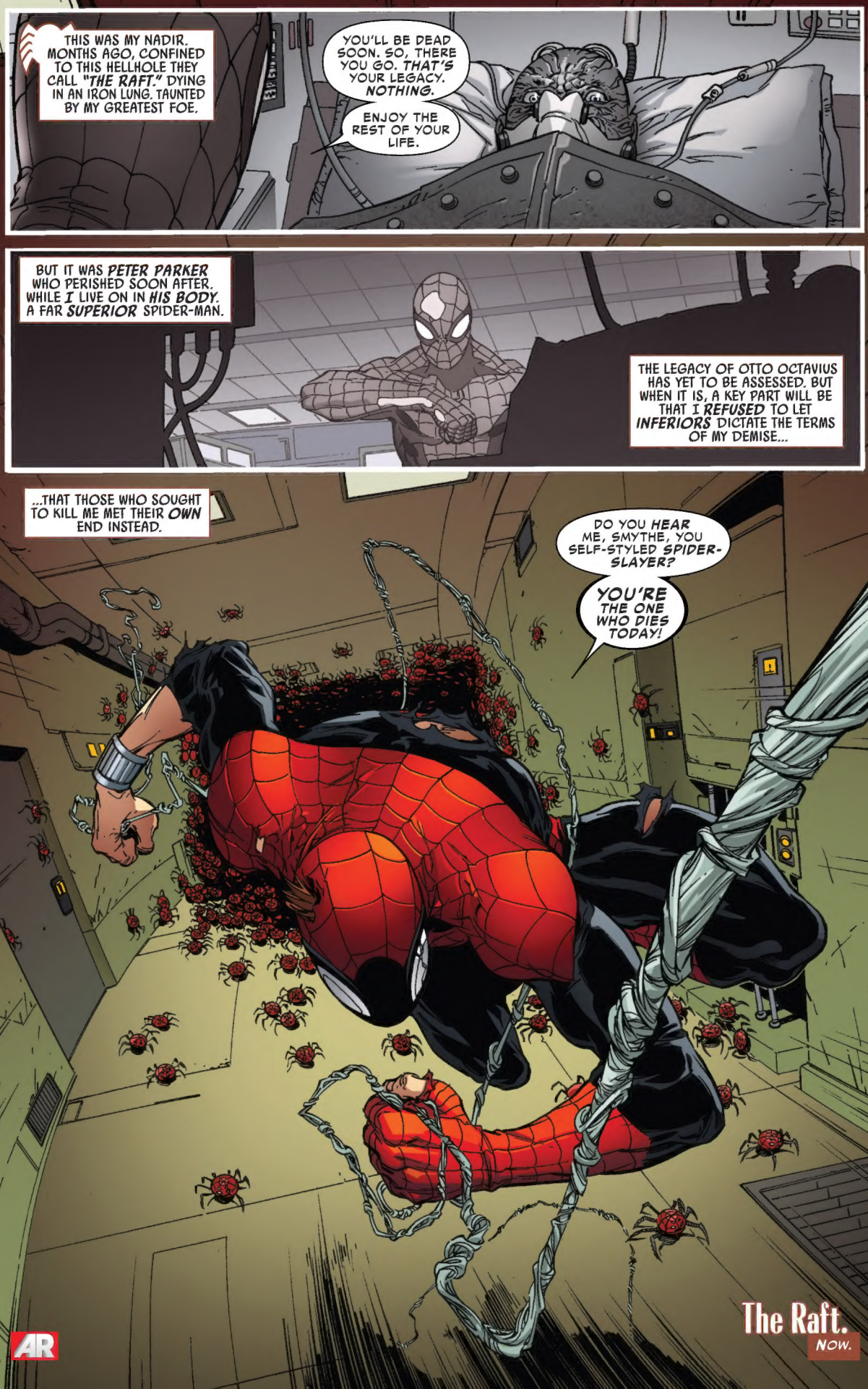

THIS WAS MY NADIR. MONTHS AGO, CONFINED TO THIS HELLHOLE THEY CALL "THE RAFT." DYING IN AN IRON LUNG. TAUNTED BY MY GREATEST FOE.
YOU'LL BE DEAD SOON. SO, THERE YOU GO. THAT'S YOUR LEGACY. NOTHING.
ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.
BUT IT WAS PETER PARKER WHO PERISHED SOON AFTER. WHILE I LIVE ON IN HIS BODY. A FAR SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN.
THE LEGACY OF OTTO OCTAVIUS HAS YET TO BE ASSESSED. BUT WHEN IT IS, A KEY PART WILL BE THAT I REFUSED TO LET INFERIORS DICTATE THE TERMS OF MY DEMISE...
...THAT THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO KILL ME MET THEIR OWN END INSTEAD.
DO YOU HEAR ME, SMYTHE, YOU SELF-STYLED SPIDER-SLAYER?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIES TODAY!
The Raft.
NOW.

DON'T BE A FOOL, SPIDER-MAN. I'M NOT OUT TO KILL YOU THIS TIME. ALL I WANT IS MY FREEDOM.
DROP THE DEFENSES YOU USED TO SEAL US ALL IN HERE. LET ME OUT AND I WILL HALT MY ATTACKS.
I'LL CALL OFF THE SCORPION, VULTURE AND BOOMERANG.
BUT IF I DON'T, THEY'LL KILL MAYOR JAMESON AND THE OTHER CIVILIANS.
EVEN YOU, IN YOUR MONUMENTAL ARROGANCE, CAN'T REALLY BELIEVE YOU CAN STOP ME AND SAVE THEM!
JUST GIVE ME WHAT I WANT AND WE ALL LEAVE HERE ALIVE!
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY YOU ARE LEAVING THIS ISLAND, SMYTHE...
...IN A BODY BAG.
SO BE IT.
KRNCH

TO THE
DEATH!

NORAH? DID YOU SEE SOMETHING?
I'M NOT SURE. THOUGHT I SAW MOVEMENT, BUT IN THIS WEIRD LIGHT IT'S HARD TO--
RAFT
HOW THOUGHTFUL. ALL OF YOU BUNDLED HERE TOGETHER. LIKE A PRESENT.
AH, A FORCE FIELD...GENERATED BY SPIDER-MAN'S ROBOTS. IMPRESSIVE TECHNOLOGY.
OF COURSE, I HAVE SOME OF MY OWN.
IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE FIELD PROTECTS THE ROBOTS, AS WELL. BUT I CAN SEE IT'S WEAKER AT THE POINT OF GENERATION.
THE VULTURE! BUT HOW--?
--OH.
VULNERABLE.
SKZZT

PLEASE, MY FRIEND, SEARCH YOUR SOUL. A MAN OF YOUR AGE...DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MEET YOUR MAKER WITH BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS?
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR GOD THINKS OF ME.
HOW ABOUT YOUR *GRANDSON?* I WORK FOR THE *DAILY BUGLE*. I'VE READ YOUR FILE, MR. TOOMES. IS *THIS* THE LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY?
IT'S...FAR TOO LATE TO CHANGE THAT.
BUT IT'S *NOT*. I'M GLORY GRANT...I WORK FOR THE MAYOR. IF YOU *HELP* US, I CAN SPIN THIS. A MAN OVERCOMING HIS PAST, DOING SOMETHING *HEROIC*...
AND WE'RE WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE. WE COULD DEFINITELY ARRANGE LENIENCY.
LENIENCY? I CAN GET YOU *ACQUITTED*. MY ENTIRE DEFENSE FOR SMYTHE WAS PROVING HIS TECHNOLOGY CAUSES *MENTAL IMPAIRMENT*.
I'LL SEE YOU AREN'T HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR *ANY* OF THIS. IT'S THE SMART PLAY, MR. TOOMES, I PROMISE YOU.
SHUT UP! ALL OF YOU. GIVE ME A MINUTE TO *THINK*...
THE SECOND THE FORCE FIELD'S DOWN, WE BLAST HIM.
MAYBE *NOTHING*. THE GUY'S A KILLER. AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE RUNNING LOOSE IN HERE...
BUT MR. SHIPLEY, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S CONSIDERING IT. MAYBE--

Elsewhere...
SKRITCH
WHO'S THERE?
DON'T THINK YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME!
BKRASSHH
WOULDN'T DREAM OF IT, JAMESON.
RAFT
SCORPION!
AT LAST. I'M FINALLY GONNA GET MY HANDS ON THE GUY I HATE MOST IN THE WORLD.
AND MY CLAWS, AND JAWS...
ZAK ZAK

...AND STINGER.
WHHTT
SPAK
LIZARD?
OUT OF MY WAY, YOU DUMB MONSTER, OR--
NOT...A MONSTER.
I'M CURTISSS CONNORSSS.
AND I WILL NEVER LET THE MONSTERSSS WIN AGAIN.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, PUNK?
SHHNK
THE FORCE FIELD'S DISSIPATING!
AAGGH!
RRNCHH
ALL RIGHT... YOU'VE GOT THE UPPER HAND.
I SURRENDER.

OF COURSE, THE *CIVILIANS* ARE IN MORTAL DANGER. COULD BE KILLED AT ANY MOMENT.
SO IT'S TIME TO PUT YOUR NEWFOUND BRAVADO ASIDE, "*HERO*"...
...AND START *NEGOTIATING* TO SAVE THESE PEOPLE'S LIVES.
YOU *HAVE* BEEN LOCKED UP HERE TOO LONG, SMYTHE. THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
BUT IF YOU INSIST, I'LL GIVE YOU MY OPENING OFFER.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT--
THK
I...AM NOT IN THE HABIT OF TAKING LIVES, SMYTHE, BUT YOU LEFT ME NO CHOICE.
INNOCENT LIVES WERE IN DANGER FROM *YOUR* CYBER-MONSTROSITIES.
AND SINCE I'D *NEVER* TRUST A MURDEROUS PSYCHOPATH LIKE YOU TO DISARM THEM...
PERMANENTLY SHUTTING *YOU* DOWN WAS THE ONLY SOLUTION. THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THEM ALL.
KRNCH
HOW COULD YOU *NOT* SEE THAT?
IDIOT.

NO WAY ARE YOU GETTING OUT OF HERE, JAMESON. WITH THESE UPGRADES, I CAN FIGHT THE LIZARD AND STILL RUN YOU THROUGH!
YOU'RE THE MONSTER HERE. THE REAL MONSTER. AND I AM FINALLY GOING TO HAVE MY VENGE--
HEY! WHAT THE--
MY SUIT?! IT'S NOT SUPPOSED TO--
CLANG
KTANG
HKK-- GAKK--
HIZSS ENHANCEMENTSSS HAVE FAILED. WITHOUT THEM--
--THISSS MAN NEEDSSS MEDICAL ATTENTION.
YES. HE CERTAINLY DOES.
COME ALONG, CONNORS.
AKK EHHK...

SMYTHE? CAN YOU HEAR ME? YOUR DOODADS JUST FELL OFF...
HNH. FIGURE HE'S TOAST. BUT SINCE THE WEBS ARE STUCK TO THE ARMOR, WHICH AIN'T STUCK TO ME NO MORE...
AS YOU WERE, BOOMERANG.
OH, COME ON!
THWIP
WHAT--
CLANG CLANG
I'M BLIND AGAIN!
I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T--
GOOD.
ZZAAT

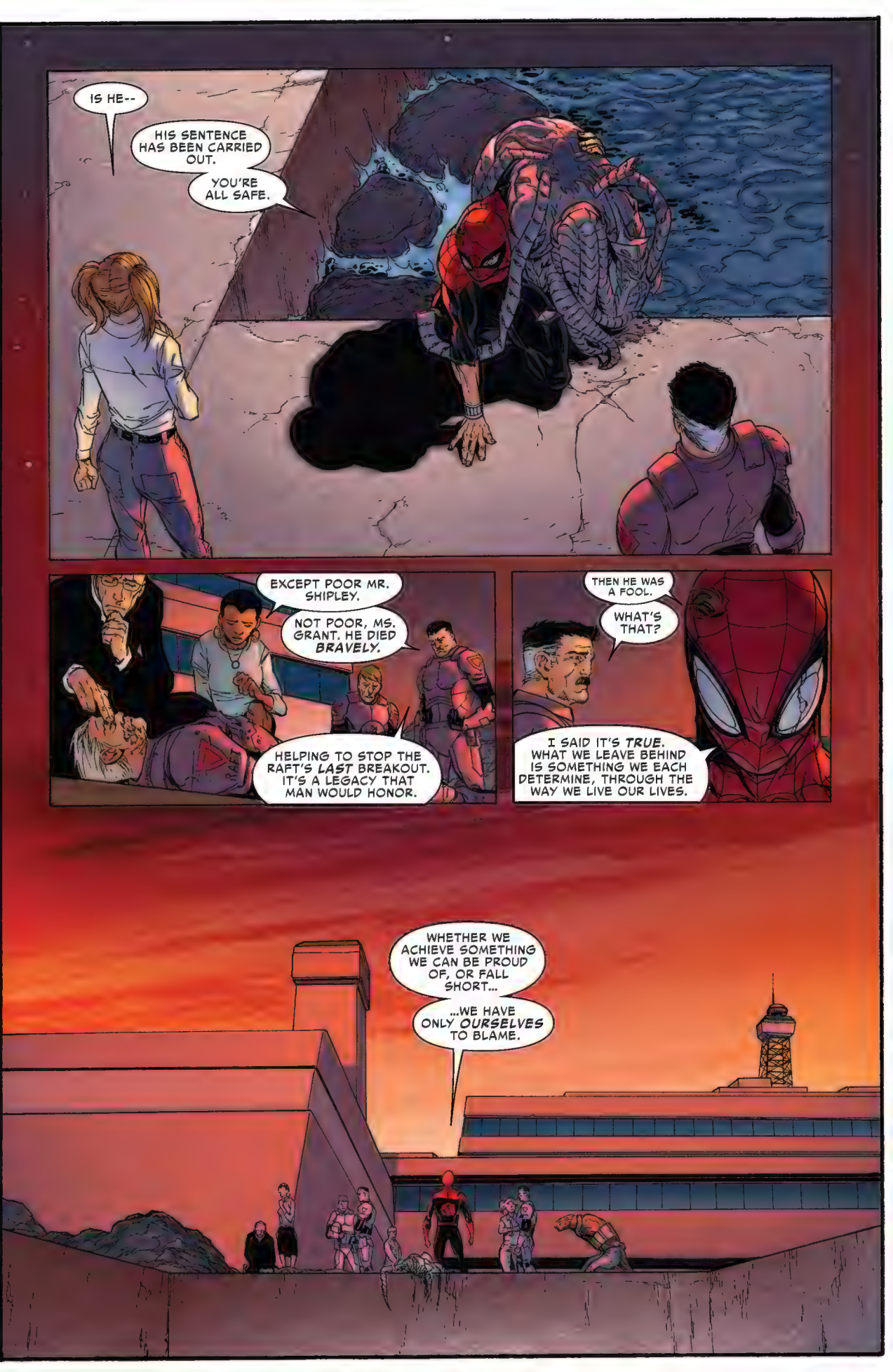
YOU SHOT A BLIND OLD MAN!
RELAX, PADRE, HE'S JUST STUNNED. I WAS DOING MY JOB...KEEPING YOU SAFE.
WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES WITH ALL THE MONSTERS STILL RUNNING LOOSE IN--
HOLY--!
STOP!
HOLD YOUR FIRE, SHIPLEY.
HE'S A KILLER.
THAT'S THE LIZARD...BUT WITH THE MIND OF CURT CONNORS. AND HE SAVED MY LIFE. HE'S A HERO.
YES, IF ANYONE KNOWS A HERO WHEN HE SEES ONE, IT'S J. JONAH JAMESON. HMM...
...IT APPEARS THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL.
I SUPPOSE IT'S TIME I OPEN THE DOORS AND WE ALL GET SOME FRESH AIR.
I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

SUNLIGHT! THANK HEAVEN!
I'VE GOT A SIGNAL. WE CAN FINALLY CALL FOR HELP.
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I TOLD YOU, DR. CONNORS IS FIRMLY IN CONTROL!
YEAH, WELL, YOU CAN'T FIRE ME TWICE, SO I'D RATHER BE SAFE THAN SORRY.
IT'SSS ALL RIGHT. I...PREFER TO BE CAUTIOUSSS AZSS WELL.
HRRMPH. WELL, IF YOU SAY SO.
SPIDER-MAN. A WORD.
CAN I ASSUME THAT HIS EQUIPMENT CRASHING MEANS YOU SAW TO SMYTHE? AS WE DISCUSSED?
REALLY, JAMESON. HAVE I FAILED--
--YET...?
BACK! EVERYONE GET--

SMYTHE!
YOU SAID HE WAS DEAD!
I AM.
MY BODY, AT LEAST...
ARRHHHH
WHOK
ZAK ZAK ZAK ZAK
...AND MY CONSCIOUSNESS WILL SOON FOLLOW.

BUT I WILL HAVE COMPANY.
SHIPLEY!
SHINK
I ONLY WANTED TO GET OUT. NOW I HAVE...FOR ALL THE GOOD IT DOES ME.
ALL I'VE GOT LEFT IS TO LIVE UP TO MY NAME. TO SLAY YOU, SPIDER-MAN...TO SLAY ALL OF YOU!
AND YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN!
RAFT
NOR DO YOU.

FOOL! YOU DID EXACTLY AS I WANTED.
MY BRAIN FUNCTIONS WILL CEASE IN SECONDS. BUT NOT BEFORE--
--MY CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFERS INTO YOU!
NO ONE WILL KNOW. I'LL HAVE THE ULTIMATE REVENGE ON YOU, SPIDER-MAN...I'LL STEAL YOUR VERY LIFE! I WILL--
WAIT. WHY ISN'T IT--
WORKING? BECAUSE, LIKE ALL YOUR ESCAPE ATTEMPTS, I THOUGHT OF IT FIRST. AND CLOSED IT TO YOU.
NO! I PLANNED FOR MONTHS LOCKED UP IN THERE! HOW COULD YOU THINK OF EVERYTHING?
BECAUSE I AM OTTO OCTAVIUS. AND I'VE ALREADY DONE IT.
YOU-- SKZZT--YOU'RE REALLY--
IMBECILE. YOUR FINAL ACT AS THE "SPIDER-SLAYER," YOUR LAST GREAT BATTLE, WASN'T EVEN AGAINST YOUR TRUE ENEMY.
THAT'S YOUR LEGACY. NOTHING.
LESS THAN NOTHING.


IS HE--
HIS SENTENCE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT.
YOU'RE ALL SAFE.
EXCEPT POOR MR. SHIPLEY.
NOT POOR, MS. GRANT. HE DIED *BRAVELY.*
HELPING TO STOP THE RAFT'S *LAST* BREAKOUT. IT'S A LEGACY THAT MAN WOULD HONOR.
THEN HE WAS A FOOL.
WHAT'S THAT?
I SAID IT'S *TRUE*. WHAT WE LEAVE BEHIND IS SOMETHING WE EACH DETERMINE, THROUGH THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES.
WHETHER WE ACHIEVE SOMETHING WE CAN BE PROUD OF, OR FALL SHORT...
...WE HAVE ONLY *OURSELVES* TO BLAME.

DON'T CLEAN ME UP TOO MUCH. I WANT TO LOOK BATTLE HARDENED.
NO. LET THEM SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH. LET THEM SEE I WAS RIGHT--THE RAFT SHOULD BE WIPED OFF THE MAP.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THE PRESS CONFERENCE NOW? EVERYONE WOULD UNDERSTAND IF YOU'D LIKE TO REST--
MR. MAYOR, A MOMENT.
U.S. COAST GUARD
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I THINK YOUR PLANS FOR THE RAFT ARE... PREMATURE. I HAVE A THOUGHT ON THE MATTER.
WHAT?! NOW?! I'M ABOUT TO GO ON LIVE--
YOU SHOULD GIVE IT TO ME. AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS. A SUPER HERO HEADQUARTERS, AS IT WERE.
WHAT?! ARE YOU MAD?! UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD I EVER--
A PITY. WE'VE WORKED WELL TOGETHER. HERE, PERHAPS THIS WILL MOTIVATE YOU TO SEE THINGS MY WAY.
A COMPLETE RECORDING OF YOU, THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK, ORDERING A MAN'S EXECUTION.
WHA--SHUT THAT OFF! I--IT WAS JUSTIFIED!
MAYBE WE SHOULD LET THE MEDIA DECIDE. OR A JURY OF YOUR PEERS.
THAT WOULD RUIN ME. GET ME KICKED OUT OF OFFICE--
OR JAIL TIME.
Y-YOU'D BE IMPLICATED TOO!
YOU DON'T SAY. SPIDER-MAN--AN OUTLAW? A MENACE?
HOW WOULD I EVER SURVIVE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES?
ALL THIS TIME I WAS RIGHT ABOUT YOU. YOU'RE A MENACE. A MONSTER!
WHATEVER I AM, KNOW THIS: I OWN YOU.

...AND SO, TODAY'S EVENTS HAVE INSPIRED ME TO TURN OVER THE RAFT TO OUR CITY'S--COUGH--GREATEST HERO, THE MAN TO WHOM I...I...
OWE YOUR LIFE?
YES...OWE MY LIFE...THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN...TO USE AS HIS OWN "SUPER HERO HEADQUARTERS"--FROM WHICH HE CAN PROTECT AND WATCH OVER US ALL.
SPIDER-MAN, I PRESENT TO YOU--THE RAFT!
AH. NOT THE RAFT, MR. MAYOR. FROM THIS POINT ON, IT SHALL BE CALLED...
SPIDER-ISLAND...
...TWO.
WRITE YOUR STORIES, FOOLS. MARK THIS DAY WELL. FOR TODAY, I CAST OFF THE LAST OF THE CHAINS PETER PARKER SADDLED ME WITH...
...AND BEGIN TO CRAFT MY OWN LEGACY.

I AM NO MORE BOUND BY PARKER'S LIFE THAN I AM BY MY *OWN* FORMER EXISTENCE.
I SHALL CREATE SOMETHING *ENTIRELY NEW*. SOMETHING *WONDERFUL*.
YES, TECHNICALLY, I *AM* A NEW CLIENT. *SPIDER-MAN*. NO, I'M *NOT* JOKING.
I NEED, OH, SIXTY, SEVENTY MEN... EX-MILITARY. MEN WHO CAN TAKE ORDERS...YOU KNOW, *MINIONS*.
I'LL HAVE THE SPECS FOR THEIR UNIFORMS SENT OVER.
HM. A NEW UNIFORM? WHY NOT?
WHAT? NO, THAT'S ALL. GOOD DAY.
THIS SHALL BE MY LEGACY. A BRAND NEW DAY...NO, A BRAND NEW *AGE*.
THE AGE OF THE *SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN*...THE *GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL*.
AND *NOTHING* WILL STAND IN MY WAY.

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Hey there, Spidey fans. Editor Stephen Wacker here at the start of SUPERIOR SPIDER-MONTH with another in a long, long line of Spidey letter columns…which I'm not even convinced you people read!

Your letters continue to pour in about the Superior Spider-Man and while there are still some of you out there who are angry at what Dan, Cammo, Humberto, Ryan and the rest of the crew have done to ol' Spidey, we are definitely seeing a good percentage of you coming around to the new brain behind the mask.

So let's open up the mailbag (do people even know what that is anymore?) and see what's up!

Hello, I love what Dan Slott is doing with the story and the way he writes Spider-Man/Doc Ock. I am wondering if Slott will be searching Doc's memories more. At the end of issue #6, the last panel depicts Doc beating up Jester & Screwball. Does that have anything to do with what his dad did to him?

Daniel Colaianni

That's good insight, Daniel. Doc Ock's actions as Spidey are definitely informed by his sometimes-ugly past and Dan has been careful to take them into account so far. As we go forward, we will definitely be testing Otto's ability to change and grow and we'll find out if a person like Ock can overcome their circumstances.

And for those of you who are unfamiliar with Ock's history that Daniel refers to, I'd recommend tracking down a copy of SPIDER-MAN/DOCTOR OCTOPUS: YEAR ONE by Zeb Wells and Kaare Andrews.

Dear Amazing (or should I say Superior) Spider-Man Team,

Wow... as I am writing this I have just finished issue #9 of Superior and the only reaction that I can form into a proper thought is WOW.

I was a non-believer, having not read Spider-Man in years. Catching wind of this I thought, like many people, that it was a disaster waiting to happen. Ever since issue #1 there has been a little piece of me hoping for the worst, that this issue would be the one that justifies the initial backlash. Instead, every issue becomes my new favorite issue of Spider-Man. Maybe this is because in my mind this is my generation's "black Spidey suit", this story, this idea to fathom the notion of a villain being one of the most iconic and beloved super heroes, is in my mind almost unthinkable.

Every issue of Superior leaves me in shock and awe of the amazing art, writing and energy spewing out of it. I realize this is a long-winded way of saying this, but thank you from the bottom of a high-school loser's soulless heart for creating such a fantastic work that I enjoy --almost regrettably so --every issue.

Isaiah from Washington

It takes a big man to admit something like this, Isaiah! Thanks!

Bring Peter Parker back! I can't stand Doc Ock under the mask...Peter did not deserve the painful death he received and the obvious humiliation bestowed upon him by Dan Slott. No, Doc Ock is not Superior in any way. He still thinks like a bad guy, he still treats people with no respect...all this to trash Peter's reputation? Are the people at the Spidey Office going to stay mum over this? Is this the ending you all hoped would silence Spider-Man fans? I doubt it. You all know that the send-off for Peter is an idiotic one. I hope you did not truly underestimate us, because we will not fade away over time and we will become more persistent as Doc continues to dominate Peter's mind. Save your image Marvel...bring our Peter Parker back, bring the Spider-Man mythos to a true hero and not the fake one pretending to be a hero. PETER PARKER 2013!

Juan Rivas

Sorry, Juan, the only classic Peter Parker you're getting in 2013 is in some flashback stories. For example, "Classic Pete" appeared in Savage Wolverine #6 by the Avenging Spider-Man team of Zeb Wells and Joe Madureira.

Plus, in October we have a 5-part weekly mini-series that will also feature some exciting tales of your mom and dad's Peter Parker. It's called PETER PARKER: SPIDER-MAN and features some amazing stories by Rambo writer David Morrell, Klaus Janson and Joe Casey.

If sales are good on that who KNOWS what can happen?!?! (Just kidding. Ock's here to stay.)

Dear Editor,

With The Superior Spider-Man depicting Dr. Octopus's soul and memories within the body and psyche of Spider-Man, I felt that one way for Octavius to face some of his personal sins and evils first hand would be to have one of Spider-Man's foes (and a prior ally of Octavius) come back to haunt the two: Stunner/Angelina Brancale from "The Amazing Spider-Man" in 1997.

George Miller

George, sorry to cut your letter so short, but it was a LOT of Stunner info and I get distracted easily.

You will be happy to hear, though, that Stunner is coming, my friend. Check out SSM #21 this November. Here's a sneak peek at Cammo's cover pencils.

Dear Mr. Wacker,

Frankly I cannot understand the hatred that Marvel seems to have towards the Peter Parker character. Peter is an ordinary guy with an over-developed sense of responsibility. He is a good man. He doesn't use his powers to his own advantage. He helps others, regardless of the cost to himself. How many times have relationships been disrupted because of his being Spider-Man? How many sacrifices has he made? He is the epitome of a hero, yet for some reason Marvel seems to hate him as a character.

You have destroyed his marriage, retconning it into oblivion, only after having him lose his child, and literally put him through hell. Now you have killed him off in such a manner that no one can even mourn his passing. You have foisted Ock as a "superior" Spider-Man, but only if superior equals more violent. I count TWO deaths at the hands of Ock as Spider-Man, and several severe beatings. It is an affront to all that Peter stood for. Yes, I remember that Peter had some times where his very sanity seemed in jeopardy and he resorted to violence, but he pulled himself back and was remorseful for what he had done. There is no such remorse from Ock. Instead there is gloating and mocking from Ock. What a great hero. What a superior human being. What a crock.

I do not accept that Ock is somehow changed into a hero by virtue of this theft of Peter's body and memories. He is still the same egotistical man he has always been.

He is a murderer. Because of the recent storyline, I will not continue with this book. I will not buy any Spider-Man books until Peter is restored to his rightful position within the Marvel universe. Changing Spider-Man to a different character is not enough. It might be a good story, but this is still a dishonorable treatment of a true hero.

I know that I am only one voice, but hopefully others with a similar opinion of recent events will voice their concerns. In a perfect world, your sales will plummet. It is a shame that I have to drop all Spider-Man books, because I do believe that Dan Slott is a talented writer, but I will not support this current treatment of the Pater Parker/ Spider-Man character. He deserves so much better. I am also reminded how the Sentry told Peter that he is the future. That he is everything. I guess that was a pretty short future.

Hopefully you will come to your senses, and fix this situation. However, I am afraid that ego will get in the way, as it did with the idiotic One More Day storyline.

This current Spider-Man is in no way "superior". He is merely a more violent man, who takes shortcuts to accomplish his goals. In many ways, he is still Doc Ock, only now he wears Spider-Man's body. I am done reading this character, and any character using the Spider-Man name, until and unless it is Peter Parker, the true Peter Parker, restored to his position in the Marvel universe.

Chris Dugan

Sorry you feel that way, Chris. It should be pretty obvious by now that no one "hated" Peter Parker. Our job on Spidey for 50 years was to put him through the wringer…just like Stan, Steve and John did back in the early days.

(When people say WE'RE tough on Pete, I always wonder if they forget that in the VERY FIRST Spidey story, Stan and Steve killed his uncle! And made him sort of responsible for it!)

But there were fans even in 1962 who swore that those guys hated Spidey too. That's what happens, I guess, when you create a character everyone loves.

Our job now is to put our new Spidey through those same kinds of troubles and follow him as he makes decisions both good and bad…and lives with the repercussions. It's a challenging story—and definitely not for everyone—but I hope you'll keep reading to see how we do.

To the Spidey Team,

I present to you the Marvel NOW! rebirth that fan's have been waiting for since 1996... my son, Benjamin Reilly Jablonski!

My little clone was born on May 25th, 2013 and worry not...there was not a single Warren, or Norman anywhere near him. So here's to one of the next generation of kids who'll have to make his Marvel!

Ryan Jablonski
Buffalo, NY

Congrats from all of us in the Spidey office, Ryan! A new kid is definitely something to celebrate…especially one born on the 30th anniversary of the opening of "Return of the Jedi!" A fact I happen to know because I skipped school that day to see it. (My sincere apologies to the nuns at Fratt Catholic School in Billings, Montana. I know I did wrong, but it WAS Star Wars!)

Not to get all grandmother on you, but now that Ben is here in the world, I think it's time to start planning baby #2. If you're looking for a name… might I suggest: "Otto"? Or if it's a girl: "Otta"?

End of the line, gang. Two whole pages this time because you wrote so much and I had extra time while my Cardinals were beating the Mets on TV (It's the Mets, so I guess "beating" was redundant.

You know the drill: write in at the addresses elsewhere on the page and be back here in two weeks for the debut of an all-new Spidey costume!

And go out and check some of the great books that me and my fellow Spidey editors (Elf-huntin' Ellie Pyle, Temerarious Tom Brennan and "Sittin" Sana Amanat have coming your way all through July!

Viva Knievel!
Simperin' Steve
6/11/13

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